

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:)	Chapter 11
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CELSIUS NETWORK LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 22-10964 (MG)
)	
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT
OF LATHAM & WATKINS LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO
THE DEBTORS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE**

Upon the application (the “Application,” ECF Doc. # 363)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order pursuant to section 327(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, and Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 authorizing the Debtors to retain Latham & Watkins LLP (“L&W”) as special counsel to the Debtors with respect to the L&W Services, effective as of the Petition Date, all as more fully set forth in the Application; and upon the Sikora Declaration and the Ferraro Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, entered February 1, 2012; and this Court having the power to enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the Application and opportunity for a hearing

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Celsius Network LLC (2148); Celsius KeyFi LLC (4414); Celsius Lending LLC (8417); Celsius Mining LLC (1387); Celsius Network Inc. (1219); Celsius Network Limited (8554); Celsius Networks Lending LLC (3390); and Celsius US Holding LLC (7956). The location of Debtor Celsius Network LLC’s principal place of business and the Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is 121 River Street, PH05, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

on the Application were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and the Court having determined that the relief sought in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their creditors, and all parties in interest, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is approved as set forth herein.
2. Pursuant to section 327(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016, and Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1, the Debtors are authorized to retain L&W as special counsel to the Debtors with respect to the L&W Services, effective as of the Petition Date, and L&W is authorized to perform the L&W Services described in the Application.
3. L&W shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the L&W Services in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases in compliance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the Fee Guidelines, and any applicable procedures and orders of the Court.
4. Prior to any increase in L&W's rates for any individual providing services in the Chapter 11 Cases, L&W shall file a supplemental affidavit with the Court and provide ten business days' notice to the Debtors, the United States Trustee, and any official committee. The supplemental affidavit shall explain the basis for the requested rate increases in accordance with section 330(a)(3)(F) of the Bankruptcy Code and state whether the Debtors have consented to the rate increase. The United States Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all

grounds including, but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided for in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. L&W shall apply any remaining amounts of the Fee Advance as a credit toward postpetition fees and expenses, after such postpetition fees and expenses are approved pursuant to the first order of the Court awarding fees and expenses to L&W. L&W is authorized without further order of the Court to apply amounts from the Fee Advance that would otherwise be applied toward payment of postpetition fees and expenses as are necessary and appropriate to compensate and reimburse L&W for fees or expenses incurred prior to the Petition Date consistent with its ordinary course billing practice.

6. L&W shall use its best efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided by any of the Debtors' other retained professionals in the Chapter 11 Cases.

7. For the avoidance of doubt, and to resolve an informal objection raised by the Office of the United States Trustee, L&W will not represent Blockchain Access UK Ltd. in any matter adverse to the Debtors, nor will L&W perform services for any of the Debtors that relate to any claim or cause of action that the Debtors may have against Three Arrows Capital, Ltd.; such matters will be handled by the Debtors' general bankruptcy counsel, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP or such other counsel as may be retained by the Debtors.

8. To the extent that the Court does not grant certain of the relief requested in the *Debtors' Ex Parte Motion Pursuant to Section 107 of the Bankruptcy Code Seeking Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Redact Certain Personally Identifiable Information from the Creditor Matrix, Schedules and Statements, and Related Documents and (II) Granting Related Relief* (ECF Doc. # 344) or other motion seeking to authorize the sealing of information, the Debtors shall file, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, unredacted versions of any

declaration or other supplemental disclosure to the extent necessary to comply with such rulings by the Court.

9. In the event of any inconsistency between the Application, the Sikora Declaration, the Engagement Letter, and this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

10. Notice of the Application as provided therein is good and sufficient notice of such Application and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

11. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all reasonable actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Application.

13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order. For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent this Court has or retains jurisdiction over any matter under this Paragraph 12, including any disputes relating to the L&W Services, such disputes shall be resolved by this Court notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Engagement Letter, and 28 U.S.C. § 1334(e)(2) shall govern the forum for resolving any fee disputes.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 16, 2022
New York, New York

/s/ Martin Glenn
MARTIN GLENN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge